

# INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ZONING COMMISSION HOME RULE ACT

## HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2021*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Zoning Commission Home Rule Act. This bill would give the District of Columbia the authority to appoint all members of the D.C. Zoning Commission (Commission). Currently, the Commission consists of two federal officials (the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) and the Director of the National Park Service (NPS), or their designees), and three mayoral appointees, subject to D.C. Council approval. The federal officials are members even though the Commission has no authority over federal property.

Land use is a quintessential local matter in our country. Despite the D.C. Home Rule Act, which gave the District jurisdiction over its local matters, 40 percent of the members of the Commission are federal officials, who are unaccountable to the more than 700,000 residents who live in the District. The federal government would lose nothing as a result of this bill because the federal government's land-use interests in the nation's capital are protected by federal law and federal agencies.

The Commission creates the zoning maps and regulations, which must "not be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan for the national capital." The mayor is responsible for the local elements of the comprehensive plan, subject to Council approval. The National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC), which is the central federal planning agency for the federal government in D.C. and approves federal projects here, is responsible for the federal elements of the comprehensive plan. This bill would not alter the comprehensive plan process or the authority of NCPC and the Commission.

This bill would immediately remove the AOC and the Director of the NPS from the Commission, and the Commission would, at least initially, consist solely of the three mayoral appointees. The District would have the authority to reconstitute the membership of the Commission through local legislation.

This is an important step to increase home rule for the District, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

## FAREWELL TO MAJOR BRITTANY WEIGHTMAN

## HON. ANTHONY G. BROWN

OF MARYLAND  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2021*

Mr. BROWN. Madam Speaker, today I honor a superb leader, liaison and soldier for her tireless commitment to the United States Army which include three years of service with the Army Office of the Legislative Liaison. During 2019, Major Brittany Weightman served in the Washington office of the Fourth Congressional District of Maryland and went on to serve as an Army Legislative Liaison in the Senate. As Major Brittany Weightman prepares to go to the Defense Programs Support

Activity, in Elkridge, Maryland, I believe it is fitting to recognize her dedication to fostering the relationship between the U.S. Army and Congress.

Major Weightman was essential to the office. She worked to solidify important legislation in the National Defense Authorization Act, proved invaluable in educating Members and staff on Army combat systems, modernization programs, and policy initiatives.

Major Weightman has deployed three times: twice to Iraq and once to Afghanistan. She is the recipient of the multiple Bronze Star Medals, Combat Action Badge, Meritorious Service Medals, and many other deserved awards.

I am thankful for her commitment to America and this Chamber will feel Major Weightman's absence. I join many past and present Members of Congress in my gratitude and appreciation to Major Weightman for her outstanding leadership and unwavering support.

## HONORING JEFFREY J. JACOBSON

## HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2021*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Senior Master Sergeant Jeffrey Jacobson, who had an accomplished military career in the United States Air Force and was an upstanding community member in California's 5th Congressional District.

Born in Vallejo, Calif. and raised in Napa, California, Senior Master Sergeant Jacobson rooted himself in bettering our community from the start. After graduating from Napa High School in 1984, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and served for 26 years, retiring in 2011 as the First Sergeant of the 48th Security Forces Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, England. In addition to serving overseas in multiple countries, he pursued a degree in criminal justice at Minot State University and then a Master of Arts in adult education from Central Michigan University.

Senior Master Sergeant Jacobson's service can only be described as that of a true American patriot. In his deployments to Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Afghanistan, he supported Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. He was best described as being rooted in the Air Force's core values of "Integrity first, Service before self, and Excellence in all we do." For his outstanding character and strong leadership, he was named the 31st Fighter Wing and the United States Air Forces in Europe First Sergeant of the Year for 2005, and the 48th Fighter Wing First Sergeant of the Year for 2009.

After serving in the military, Senior Master Sergeant Jacobson was a devoted educator in retirement, and an incredibly loving family man. He founded Heritage High School's Air Force Junior ROTC Program in Brentwood, California, where he served as the Aerospace Science Instructor. He also served as Post Commander of Karl H. Kreh Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1123 and supported the Veterans Home in Yountville, California. He is survived by his two daughters, Elizabeth and Rebecca, and life partner, Charlein, for whom he was a supportive and loving family member.

Madam Speaker, Sergeant Jacobson was a larger-than-life leader in the community, in the military, and in the classroom. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor his life here today.

## HONORING RAY DiPASQUALE AT THE CONCLUSION OF HIS ROLE AS PRESIDENT OF CLINTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2021*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ray DiPasquale at the conclusion of his role as president of Clinton Community College.

President DiPasquale has dedicated his long and distinguished career to higher education. Before coming to Clinton Community College, he previously served as president of the Community College of Rhode Island and held positions at the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education, the SUNY College at Brockport, Springfield Technical Community College, and Middlesex Community College. After a nationwide search, he was selected as the new president of Massasoit Community College, where he will work following his departure from the Clinton Community College.

President DiPasquale has been with Clinton Community College since 2016, where he oversaw \$28 million of campus renovations and the creation of the Institute for Advanced Manufacturing, both of which will benefit students at the college for years to come. The North Country is proud of the work he has done for Clinton Community College throughout his over four years of service and are grateful for the strong partnerships and friendships he developed with the local community.

President DiPasquale has shown exemplary dedication to the students and faculty at Clinton Community College and has represented the North Country well. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I would like to congratulate president DiPasquale for his contributions to the college and the community. I wish him the best of luck as he takes on his new role.

## CELEBRATING THE 59TH ANNUAL EAST COAST SURFING CHAMPIONSHIPS

## HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2021*

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 59th anniversary of Virginia Beach's own East Coast Surfing Championships (ECSC). After successfully holding its 2020 competition with safety guidelines in place, the ECSC is now the longest-running surfing championship in the world.

The ECSC was founded in 1963 by the Virginia Beach Jaycees, a leadership training and community involvement organization dedicated to empowering young people. Every year, the ECSC invites surfers from across the United